

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, an accurate census count is vital to the well-being of our communities, helping planners determine where to locate schools, daycare centers, roads and public transportation, hospitals and other facilities, and is also used to make decisions concerning business growth and housing needs; and

**WHEREAS**, more than \$300 billion per year in federal and state funding is allocated to states and communities based on census data; and

**WHEREAS**, census data ensures fair Congressional representation, determining how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives as well as redistricting of state legislatures, county and city councils, and voting districts; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2010 Census will create jobs, stimulating the economic growth and increasing employment opportunities in our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, information collected during the census count is protected by law and remains confidential for 72 years;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim that Washington State is committed to partnering with the U.S. Census Bureau to help ensure a full and accurate count in 2010.

Signed this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2008

*Chris Gregoire*  
Governor Christine O. Gregoire

